

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for selecting a media type format for which to generate value-bearing item indicia, said method comprising:  
receiving an input of a secured paper control number; and  
identifying a media type format corresponding to the secured paper control number.

2. The method of Claim 1 for selecting a media type format, said method further comprising:  
generating a label stock preview display in a format according to the media type format.

3. The method of Claim 1 for selecting a media type format, said method further comprising:  
generating value-bearing item indicia in a format according to the media type format.

4. A method for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper, said method comprising:  
receiving an input of a media type identifier, wherein the media type identifier is displayed on the particular unit of secured paper; and  
retrieving from a memory storage a record corresponding to the media type identifier, wherein said record defines a media type format corresponding to the media type identifier.

5. The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper, said method further comprising:  
generating a label stock preview display in a format according to the media type format.

1           6.     The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular  
2 unit of secured paper, wherein the media type identifier is input as a portion of a  
3 secured paper control number displayed on the particular unit of secured paper.  
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5           7.     The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular  
6 unit of secured paper, said method further comprising:  
7           formatting a set of value-bearing item indicia according to the media type  
8 format.  
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10          8.     A method for identifying to a system a secured paper media type,  
11 said method comprising:  
12           displaying on a particular unit of secured paper a secured paper identifier  
13 wherein the particular unit of secured paper corresponds to a particular media  
14 type, said media type characterized by a set of media type information; and  
15           recording on a database a relationship between the secured paper  
16 identifier and the corresponding media type information.  
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18          9.     The method of Claim 8 for identifying to a system a secured paper  
19 media type, wherein the secured paper identifier is a unique secured paper  
20 control number such that each unit of secured paper has a distinct, unique  
21 secured paper control number.  
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23          10.    The method of Claim 8 for identifying to a system a secured paper  
24 media type, wherein the secured paper identifier is a portion of a unique secured  
25 paper control number such that each unit of secured paper has a distinct, unique  
26 secured paper control number.  
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